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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 AND 37 CFR § 1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Patent Application No.2000-261065 filed in Japan on August 30, 2000.

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